

Names of God from the Bible

12 – Mighty God

Every name of God is an eternal Name. Contrary to what most people think, the God of the Bible is still the Mighty God of Isaiah's prophecy.

Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

If we accept the Bible as a portrayal of the early history of the people of Israel, we have to come to the conclusion that God is a Mighty God. If we accept the Biblical view that God is the Creator of the world and all human beings, we have to conclude that God is a Mighty God. If we believe God is the sustainer, protector and provider for our planet, let alone the Universe and Cosmos, then again, we have to accept that God is a Mighty God.

Consequently, we have to ask ourselves the question: Why do people treat God with disdain and consider Him impotent and irrelevant? The corollary is extremely frightening. If God is a Mighty God, and I treat Him with disrespect, I open myself up to a horrendous end.

However, this passage is prophetically looking forward to Jesus Christ – God incarnate. Thus, how I respond to Jesus is the crux of the issue. The question we will all eventually face is – *What have you done with Jesus, who is called The Christ?*

Jesus Christ is the Mighty God. He is not a super human being, He is not just a great prophet, nor is He one of the gods. Jesus didn't leave us the option of accepting any of those conclusions. He is either the Mighty God, who He claimed to be, or He was a deceiver or the personification of evil.

Did Jesus reveal Himself as the Mighty God? I guess it depends upon your perspective. The fact is Jesus was quite obviously human. He was only able to be in one place at a time, he ate meals, he got weary, he got frustrated with the religious leaders and his disciples, and was captured, beaten and hung on a cross to die, all suggesting that he was no more than a spiritual man.

On the other hand, the writers of the Bible, the eyewitnesses of his life, recorded many miracles he performed. Jesus walked on water, changed water into wine, fed over 5000 people with only five loaves and two fish. He also healed blind people, mute people, crippled people and people suffering from leprosy. He brought people back to life and drove out demons. Finally, He Himself arose from the dead. All of which suggest He was the Mighty God, as no human being can do those things.

He also forgave people their sins. No-one has the right to do that. Oh yes, I can and should forgive you for how you may have mistreated me, but I have no right or authority to forgive you for what you have done against another person or against God. Jesus claimed He could. That was blasphemy as far as the religious leaders were concerned.

More than that, Jesus directly claimed to be the Mighty God. Matthew, one of Jesus' disciples, records that Jesus said, "*For the Son of Man (a term He frequently used for Himself) is going to come in His Father's glory with his angels...*" Matthew 16:27.

Another time Jesus said, "*If you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins.*" John 8:24.

"Before Abraham was I AM." (YHWH) John 8:58.

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Before the Jewish counsel Jesus said, *"From now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."* They asked Jesus, *"Are you then the Son of God?"* Jesus replied, *"You are right in saying I am."* Luke 22:69-70.

Jesus claimed to be the Mighty God, in fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy.

What does that name mean for us today?

For Christians, it means that we know Jesus Christ is the Mighty God and that His Name is above every other Name and that, one day, He will return as King of all kings and Lord of all lords. For those who have not yet accepted Jesus as the Mighty God – today is as good a day as any to put that straight. We need to get the correct perspective of Jesus.

Prayer

Father, thank You that Jesus has revealed You as the Mighty God to us. Thank You that one day the whole universe will know that Jesus is the Mighty God. Amen.

Additional Readings

- Psalm 2:1-12
- Psalm 24:7-10
- Matthew 24:30-35
- Romans 1:18-25

Questions

1. Why do you think people feel God is impotent or no longer the Mighty God today?
2. Has God revealed Himself as the Mighty God to you? How and when?
3. How does Jesus fulfil that name?